

SOLIS HONORS WOMEN LEADERS



Congresswoman Solis talks about legislation that affects women with Teresa Lin (El Monte) and Pui Ching Ho (Duarte). Every year, Congresswoman Solis honors local women leaders who have dedicated their lives to strengthening our community.

SOLIS SUPPORTS TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

On December 26, 2004, a powerful earthquake and tsunami struck 12 countries including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Burma, Malaysia and Somalia.

This devastating event killed more than 200,000 people, destroyed entire communities and left millions vulnerable to disease. This tragedy affected many families in our community. In response, Congresswoman Solis voted in support of \$907 million in direct assistance for tsunami recovery and relief efforts.

CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA L. SOLIS



REPORT TO THE ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY



Dear Friend,

One of our nation's greatest strengths is our diversity, including the contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I am proud to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am working hard in Congress to enhance educational opportunities, expand access to affordable healthcare and strengthen our economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact my district offices regarding any concerns you may have with the federal government.

Sincerely,
Hilda L. Solis
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Congresswoman Solis speaks about our local economy at the Chinese Lantern Festival in the City of Monterey Park.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS



Congresswoman Solis presents the eight military medals she helped obtain for Mr. Yamashita, a resident of Monterey Park, for his service to our country.

Congresswoman Solis can help veterans like Mr. Nobuo Yamashita obtain their military medals. Mr. Yamashita was in the internment camp of Manzanar when the Army recruited him as a volunteer to serve as an interpreter for prisoners of war. Mr. Yamashita served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, but had not received his service medals until now.

The honors Mr. Yamashita earned include: Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Honorable Service Lapel Button for World War II.

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PRIVATIZING SOCIAL SECURITY:

- 1 Nationally, 785, 000 Asian and Pacific Islander American seniors depend on Social security to safeguard their retirement. Social Security is the only source of income for 30 percent of these participants, compared to 17 percent of all seniors.
- 2 President Bush's plan is NOT voluntary- **EVERYONE'S BENEFITS WILL BE CUT** by 40 percent – placing retirees at risk of living in poverty and forcing them to seek government aid.
- 3 **YOU CANNOT PASS ON ACCOUNT PROCEEDS TO CHILDREN:** At retirement, you will be required to turn over most of your account proceeds to an insurance company (or a new bureaucracy).
- 4 **YOU WON'T CONTROL YOUR OWN MONEY:** The government, not you, will choose which funds you are allowed to invest in.



Congresswoman Solis meets with the Calderon family, West Covina residents, to discuss issues important to our community.

SOLIS' WORK ON ASIAN PACIFIC ISSUES



EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Congresswoman Solis advocates for programs that prepare students for college and meet specific needs of minority students. She supports legislation that awards grants to higher education institutions which serve Asian and Pacific Islander American communities. She also strongly supports efforts to strengthen our schools by improving teacher quality, boosting college opportunity and affordability, and fully funding key education laws such as the No Child Left Behind Act.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS GROW

In California, 13 percent of small businesses are owned by Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. Congresswoman Solis is fighting in Congress to help minority-owned small business grow by increasing access to capital for businesses.



Congresswoman Solis meets with Stephanie Tse and her parents at her Washington, D.C., office to talk about education issues in Congress. Stephanie received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Davidson Institute for Talent organization for her research on colorectal cancer.



Congresswoman Solis presents \$75,000 check to the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center for modifications to its social hall.

ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES

In the 32nd Congressional district, 35 percent of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community lacks health insurance. Linguistic and cultural barriers play a large role in this troubling statistic. Congresswoman Solis is a lead author of legislation to expand access to affordable health insurance and quality healthcare by eliminating these barriers. Congresswoman Solis is working to introduce legislation to expand access to affordable health insurance and quality healthcare by elimination of cultural and linguistic barriers.